Besides, 5 additional projects are also being assisted under the same scheme to provide Childline service which is a 24 hours emergency toll free service for children in need and distress.

Allocation of funds to NGOs

839. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion and the methodology being adopted by Government for granting funds to the NGOs;

(b) the total number of NGOs in the country and how many of them have been granted funds/aid during last three years, category-wise;

(c) whether any misuse of funds/aid have been reported to Government during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against those NGOs;

(e) how many of defaulting NGOs have been prosecuted and the outcome thereof; and

(f) how many of them have been debarred for further aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The proposals received from NGOs registered under the appropriate Act, having required experience in the field of proposed activity, duly recommended by the State Governments, are scrutinized. The proposals, complete in all respect, are processed for grant of funds. Thereafter, on execution of bond agreement for abiding by certain terms & conditions, funds are released to the NGOs through Electronic Clearing System (ECS).

(b) The data relating to number of NGOs working in the country is not maintained in this Ministry. However, the details of number of NGOs assisted during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (f) Whenever it comes to the notice of the Government as a result of inspection or information from other sources that NGO has misutilized the funds, further release of grant-in-aid is suspended. Thereafter, a show cause notice is issued to the management of the NGO and if their explanation is found to be unsatisfactory, action is taken to blacklist the organization. So far 71 NGOs have been blacklisted by the Ministry and have been debarred from getting further grant-in-aid.

Statement

Scheme-wise number of NGOs assisted by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	No. of NGOs assisted		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Scheme of Grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations working for Scheduled Castes	402	365	353
2.	Scheme of Coaching & Allied for SCs, OBCs & Minorities	25	83	49
3.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs	221	192	190
4.	Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aid & Appliances	178	129	118
5.	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	669	657	685
6.	An Integrated Programme for Older Persons	451	473	444
7.	Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Absue	320	273	321
8.	An Integrated Programme for Street Children	207	190	199
9.	Scheme of Assistacne to Homes (Shishu Grih) for Children to Promote in Country Adoption	41	34	39
10.	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for General Grant-in-Aid in the field of Social Defecne	20	18	24
11.	Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in need of Care and Protection	0	0	3
	TOTAL:	2534	2414	2425